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James Hardiman
Volume of Engravings, 1812 –

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James Hardiman
'Sketches of Galway'

Volume of Engravings, 1812 – 1830



## GS01/2 HARDIMAN, JAMES (HISTORIAN, 1782-1855), 1812-1830

Volume with drawings pasted into it with captions, of various scenes and objects in Galway city and its environs, several of which were used in Hardiman's 'History of Galway' (published in 1820). The artist's name or initial is often given together with the date. Most of the engravings are monochrome but one has a slight colour tint.

The drawings include a distant view of Galway; ruins of the old Castle, Mutton Island, 1812; County Infirmary Galway; Galway town Goal; New Collegiate Chapel of St Nicholas', Galway; Ardfry Castle resident of Joseph Blake, Lord Wallscourt, county Galway; Presentation Convent, Galway; view of Dangan House, mansion of Richard Martin Esq. MP, 1821; Newcastle, ruins of Tyrellan Castle property of the Earls of Clanricarde; a view of Harbour of Galway, June 1821; and Lynch's Castle, Galway.

Hardiman advised readers in a postscript in his book that 'With respect of the Engravings, no pains have been spared that they should be properly executed, and that the drawings should be correct. The distant prospect of Galway, and the views of the church, Lynch's castle, the county court-house, bridge, and prison, were taken by an ingenious artist, brought from Dublin solely for the purpose...The principal engravings have been executed by some of the best engravers which Dublin could afford"1.

Hardiman was a trained lawyer and became sub-commissioner of public records in Dublin Castle. He was an active member of the Royal Irish Academy and collected and rescued many examples of Irish traditional music. He became librarian of Queen's College, Galway (now the National University of Ireland, Galway) shortly after its foundation in 1855. The University's library now bears his name.

Size: 8pp

The volume is in good condition. It was rebounded by Galway County Library at some unknown time.

See also: Letters written to James Hardiman 1816-56 - Royal Irish Academy Mss 12 N 20-21 (Hayes Manuscripts Sources).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The History of the Town and County of the Town of Galway from the Earliest Period to the Present Time 1820, Hardiman, James, pre-printed by the Connacht Tribune Printing and Publishing Company Ltd., Galway, 1958.



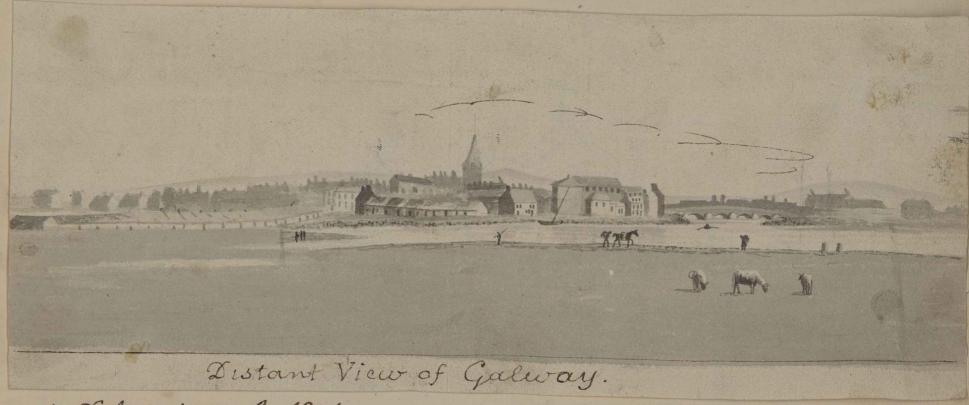


Ruins of the de laste on Motion island, 1812. - Site of the Prevent Light House.









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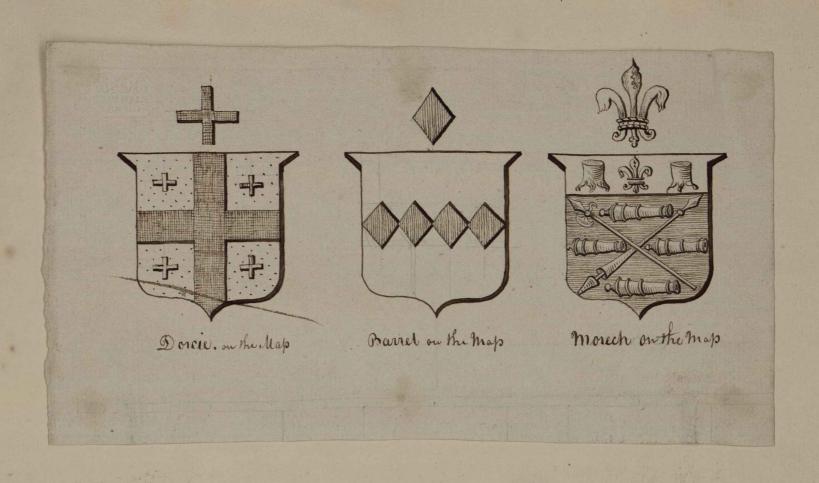




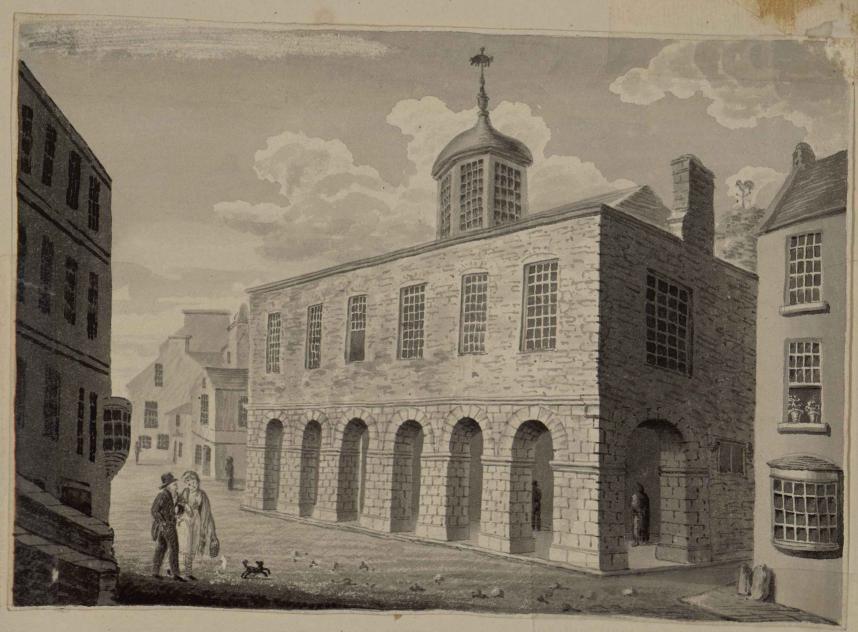
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